

James C. Baird



James C. Baird was born May 10, 1927, at Carey, Blaine, Idaho, joining five sisters as children of James A. Baird and Ada Condie. Paternal grandparents are William Baird and Janet Murdoch, daughter of William Murdoch, son of James and Mary M. Murdoch, and Janet Lennox.

Jim spent his boyhood years in Carey, and after high school graduation and World War II military service entered into partnership with his father to farm. This led them to Bitterroot Valley in Montana, where he met Evelyn Whiting, whom he married after a mission to western Canada.

Following his father's death, the farm was sold, and he returned to college, graduating from Montana State University with B.S. and M.S. degrees. He taught in the Billings, Montana high school one year, and joined the USDA soil conservation Service in 1960, which has taken his family to Sidney and Big Sandy, Montana; Idaho Falls, American Falls, and Rigby, Idaho.

Jim and Evelyn are parents of six children: Lennox (now Mrs. Lenn Holyoak, with a daughter, Maren Lenae), Dave (married Diana Evertz; two sons--James John and William), James W., Murray, Robert, and Mary. Diana Bruce from Minneapolis has been with them three years now on the Indian placement program.

His Church service includes Sunday School superintendency, branch, ward, and district MIA superintendent; service in four branch presidencies, including four years as president of the Sidney Branch; two district councils; seventies group leader; stake high councilor; and high priest group leader.

His hobbies are gardening, reading, and stamp collecting, all of which have been badly neglected the past few years. We are fortunate to have Jim serving as the William Murdoch family representative to the James and Mary Murray Murdoch Organization. James was released in 1978 but continues as the Janet Murdoch Baird third generation family representative.

There is so little we can  
do to help you bear  
There is so little we can  
do to help you through  
But may these few words  
and let you know  
Our heartfelt thoughts and  
are there with you now

With Love  
Deepest Sympathy  
and

Hope  
Mother